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SUBJECT: US-TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION: PREPARATIONS FOR  
WASHINGTON MEETINGS

REF: TUNIS 4596, TUNIS 3678

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF  
POSSIBLE DATES FOR MEETING OF FULL US-TUNISIAN JOINT  
COMMISSION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL.  
RECALL THAT DURING MY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI,  
HE SAID THAT HE HOPED TO HEAD TUNISIAN DEL DURING PERIOD  
FROM OCT 5-20 WHEN HE WILL BE IN US TO ATTEND UN GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY. ANY CONSECUTIVE THREE WORKING DAYS IN THIS  
INTERVAL WOULD BE SUITABLE AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT TENTA-  
TIVE DATES COULD BE SET SOON IN ORDER TO PERMIT US TO  
NOTIFY GOT AND FACILITATE THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THIS  
MEETING.

2. TUNISIAN CHAIRMAN OF TUNIS-BASED WORKING GROUP ON  
TRADE AND INVESTMENT IS PREPARING (IN COORDINATION WITH  
EMBASSY) REPORT ON PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUPS WITH  
RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO SUITABLE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED  
DURING WASHINGTON MEETING OF SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE  
AND INVESTMENT. USAID MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE WITH  
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MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPS (DCI) TO DISCUSS

WORK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMISSION AND AGENDA SUGGESTIONS. EMBASSY/USAID WILL SUBMIT COMMENTS ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS, ON DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMISSION, AND ON AGENDA SUGGESTIONS AND WILL ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO USG POSITION ON TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED. IF APPROPRIATE, WE MAY SUGGEST ADDITIONAL ISSUES US SIDE MAY RAISE IN JOINT COMMISSION CONTEXT.

3. IN ADDITION TO POSSIBLE DATES FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS, EMBASSY/AID WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE

EARLY INDICATION AS TO BRIEFING PAPERS WHICH FIELD MAY BE EXPECTED TO PREPARE FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS. EMBASSY FURTHER SUGGESTS THAT PAPERS PREPARED IN WASHINGTON IN TIME COULD BE HAND-CARRIED FOR EMBASSY/USAID REVIEW BY NEW ECON COUNSELOR MONTGOMERY WHO SCHEDULED DEPART FOR TUNIS EARLY SEPT.

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